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The letter of com	me	ents and recommendation	ons.		Х			•
Reports on indivi	dua	al federal financial assis	stance programs	(program audits).				X
Single Audit Rep	orts	s (ASLGU).						X
Certified Public Acco	unt	ant (Firm Name)						
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Accountant Signatur	е			Bay City		MI	4870	7
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 22, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Posen Presque Isle County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Posen, Presque Isle County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Posen's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Posen, Presque Isle County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purposes of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Posen, Presque Isle County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Campbell, Kusterer: Co., P.C.

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT A

<u>Assets</u>	Governmenta General	al Fund Types Debt Service	Fiduciary Fund Type Agency
Cash in bank Taxes receivable Due from other funds Land and land improvements Buildings and improvements Equipment Amount available in Debt Service Fund Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	176 149 40 2 135 81 832 22 - - - -	19 073 24 872 88 - - - - -	832 22 - - - - - -
Total Assets <u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>	<u>179 117 43</u>	<u>19 946 12</u>	<u>832 22</u>
Liabilities: Due to other funds Bonds payable Total liabilities	 		832 22
Fund equity: Investment in general fixed assets Fund balances: Reserved for debt service Unreserved: Undesignated	- - <u>179</u> 117 43	- 19 946 12 -	-
Total Liabilities and Fund Family	179 117 43	19 946 12	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>179 117 43</u>	<u>19 946 12</u>	<u>832 22</u>

Account	Total		
General	General Long-	(Memorandum	
Fixed Assets	Term Debt	Only)	
-	-	196 054 86	
-	-	3 008 69	
-	-	832 22	
14 541 00	-	14 541 00	
514 349 00	-	514 349 00	
37 606 60	-	37 606 60	
•	19 946 12	19 946 12	
_	63 053 88	63 053 88	
<u>566 496 60</u>	<u>83 000 00</u>	849 392 37	
-	-	832 22	
_	83 000 00	83 000 00	
-	83 000 00	83 832 22	
566 496 60	-	566 496 60	
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-	-	19 946 12	
_		<u>179 117 43</u>	
<u>566 496 60</u>	_	765 560 15	
<u>566 496 60</u>	<u>83 000 00</u>	<u>849 392 37</u>	

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES EXHIBIT B Year Ended March 31, 2004

		<u>Governmenta</u>	I Fund Types	Total
			Debt	(Memorandum
-	n	<u>General</u>	<u>Service</u>	Only)
	Revenues:			
	Property taxes	18 599 32	9 116 75	27 716 07
-	State revenue sharing	48 366 00	-	48 366 00
	Charges for services:			
	Tax collection fees	6 778 15	-	6 778 15
	Interest	1 340 89	120 51	1 461 40
	Rents	21 170 00	-	21 170 00
	Miscellaneous	<u> 17 244 24</u>	-	17 244 24
	Total revenues	<u>113 498 60</u>	9 237 26	122 735 86
	Expenditures:			
_	Legislative:			
	Township Board	7 207 95	-	7 207 95
	General government:	, 20, 00		7 207 90
	Supervisor	4 431 96	_	4 431 96
	Assessor	3 250 00	_	3 250 00
	Clerk	4 750 00	_	4 750 00
	Board of Review	636 43	_	636 43
	Treasurer	5 301 71	_	5 301 71
	Building and grounds	31 716 72	_	31 716 72
-	Unallocated	7 649 11	-	7 649 11
	Public safety:	7 0 10 1 1		104311
	Fire protection	10 127 92	_	10 127 92
-	Public works:	10 121 02		10 121 32
	Highways and streets	1 000 00	~	1 000 00
	Street lighting	1 102 24	_	1 102 24
-	Recreation:	1 102 24		1 102 24
	Recreation	1 500 00	_	1 500 00
	Capital outlay	1 310 00	_	1 310 00
-	Debt service	-	13 600 00	
	Total expenditures	79 984 04	13 600 00	<u>13 600 00</u> <u>93 584 04</u>
	·		10 000 00	00 004.04
-	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over			
	expenditures	33 514 56	(4 362 74)	29 151 82
	·	33 31 1 33	(100274)	23 131 02
•	Fund balances, April 1	<u>145 602 87</u>	24 308 86	<u>169 911 73</u>
	• •			
	Fund Balances, March 31	<u> 179 117 43</u>	<u>19 946 12</u>	<u>199 063 55</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUNDS Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 1

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Revenues:			
Property taxes	16 000 00	18 599 32	2 599 32
State revenue sharing	50 000 00	48 366 00	(1 634 00)
Charges for services:		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(100100)
Tax collection fees	3 500 00	6 778 15	3 278 15
Interest	3 100 00	1 340 89	(1 759 11)
Rents	20 000 00	21 170 00	1 170 00
Miscellaneous	<u>1 000 00</u>	17 244 24	16 244 24
Total revenues	93 600 00	<u>113 498 60</u>	19 898 60
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	7 850 00	7 207 95	(642 05)
General government:		, _0. 00	(012 00)
Supervisor	4 500 00	4 431 96	(68 04)
Elections	1 535 00	-	(1 535 00)
Assessor	3 550 00	3 250 00	(300 00)
Clerk	4 750 00	4 750 00	(000 00)
Board of Review	1 000 00	636 43	(363 57)
Treasurer	5 950 00	5 301 71	(648 29)
Building and grounds	65 615 00	31 716 72	(33 898 28)
Unallocated	13 425 00	7 649 11	(5 775 89)
Public safety:			(000)
Fire protection	10 500 00	10 127 92	(372 08)
Ambulance	9 000 00	-	(9 000 00)
Public works:			(0 000 00)
Highways and streets	20 000 00	1 000 00	(19 000 00)
Street lighting	1 600 00	1 102 24	(497 76)
Recreation:	, 555 55		(401 10)
Recreation	1 500 00	1 500 00	_
Capital outlay	1 310 00	1 310 00	
Total expenditures	<u>152 085 00</u>	79 984 04	<u>(72 100 96</u>)

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUNDS Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 2

	General Fund			
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(58 485 00)	33 514 56	91 999 56	
Fund balances, April 1	<u>58 485 00</u>	145 602 87	<u>87 117 87</u>	
Fund Balances, March 31	-	<u>179 117 43</u>	<u>179 117 43</u>	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Posen, Presque Isle County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Posen. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

Basis of Presentation

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized and described as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for debt service payments on long-term debt.

Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

Account Groups

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

General Fixed Assets Account Group

This account group presents the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group

This account group presents the balance of general long-term debt of the local unit.

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and, expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Property Taxes

Property taxes and other revenues that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was 1.5000 mills, and the taxable value was \$18,252,385.00.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 1 – <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (continued)

Fixed Assets

Purchases of fixed assets for all funds are recorded as expenditures in their respective funds at the time of purchase. They are also recorded at cost in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Investments

Investments are stated at market.

Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Township employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay and therefore no accumulated amount is recorded in the financial statements.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements:

- 1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

- 6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 9. The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated two banks for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 2 – <u>Deposits and Investments</u> (continued)

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	Carrying Amounts
Total Deposits	<u>196 054 86</u>

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

	Bank <u>Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC) Uninsured and Uncollateralized	160 802 38 35 303 12
Total Deposits	<u>196 105 50</u>

The Township of Posen did not have any investments as of March 31, 2004.

Note 3 - Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 4/1/03	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance 3/31/04
Land and land improvement Buildings and improvement Equipment		- - <u>1 310 00</u>	- - <u>1 573 95</u>	14 541 00 514 349 00 37 606 60
Totals	<u>566 760 55</u>	<u>1 310 00</u>	<u>1 573 95</u>	<u>566 496 60</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 4 - Interfund Receivables and Payables

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	Interfund Payable
General	<u>832 22</u>	Current Tax Collection	832 22

Note 5 - Changes in General Long-Term Debt

A summary of changes in general long-term debt follows:

	Balance <u>4/1/03</u>	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance 3/31/04
Bonds payable	92 000 00		9 000 00	83 000 00
Totals	92 000 00	_	9 000 00	83 000 00

Note 6 - Bonds Payable

On August 2, 1982, the Township issued bonds in the amount of \$195,000.00 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, renovating, furnishing, and equipping a Township hall. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year. Bonds outstanding as of March 31, 2004, are recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Group of Accounts and are as follows:

Due April 1	Interest <u>Rate</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>
2005	5.0	9 000 00
2006	5.0	9 000 00
2007	5.0	10 000 00
2008	5.0	10 000 00
2009	5.0	11 000 00
2010	5.0	11 000 00
2011	5.0	12 000 00
2012	5.0	11 000 00

Total \$_83 000 00

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

Note 7 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township does not have a deferred compensation plan.

Note 8 - Pension Plan

The Township has a defined contribution pension plan covering all full-time employees. The Township contributes an amount of each employee's annual salary to the plan. Pension expense for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, was \$1,429.76.

Note 9 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 10 - Building Permits

The Township of Posen does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Presque Isle.

Note 11 - Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

_	GENERAL FU	ND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT [Page 1
-	Township Board:		
	Salaries and per diem		4 202 40
_	Dues		4 263 12 1 066 17
	Supplies		1 000 17 1 878 66
			7 207 95
	Supervisor:		
	Salary		<u>4 431 96</u>
_	Assessor:		
	Wages		2 200 00
	Miscellaneous		3 200 00
_			50 00 3 250 00
_	Clerk:		
_	Salary		4 650 00
	Deputy		100 00
gallin.	Board of Review:		4 750 00
	Wages		
			<u>636 43</u>
	Treasurer:		
	Salary		5 199 96
	Deputy		101 75
	D !!!!		5 301 71
	Building and grounds:		
_	Wages		5 265 02
	Contracted services Supplies		5 405 25
	Insurance		1 162 56
	Telephone		5 505 00
F Ir	Utilities		1 386 07
	Repairs and maintenance		6 737 61
	Printing		6 017 71
1	3		237 50
_	Unallocated:		<u>31 716 72</u>
	Pension plan		1 429 76
	Mileage		166 76
_	Printing		454 20
	Insurance		667 00
	Payroll taxes		365 66
_	Data processing		2 200 46
	Miscellaneous		2 365 27
			7 649 11
		40	

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT D Page 2
Fire protection: Contracted services	<u>10 127 92</u>
Highways and streets: Repairs and maintenance	1 000 00
Street lighting: Utilities	1 102 24
Recreation: Recreation	1 500 00
Capital outlay	1 310 00
Total Expenditures	<u>79 984 04</u>

CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Year Ended March 31, 2004

EXHIBIT E

_	<u>Assets</u>	Balance <u>4/1/03</u>	Additions	<u>Deductions</u>	Balance 3/31/04
_	Cash in bank Total Assets	482 47 482 47	432 823 62 432 823 62	432 473 87 432 473 87	832 22 832 22
_	<u>Liabilities</u>				
-	Due to other funds Due to other units Total Liabilities	482 47 - 482 47	32 547 32 400 276 30 432 823 62	32 197 57 400 276 30 432 473 87	832 22 - 832 22

CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT F
Cash on hand and in bank – beginning of year	482 47
Cash receipts:	
Property tax	432 823 62
Total cash receipts	432 823 62
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	433 306 09
Cash disbursements:	
Township General Fund	00.000.00
Township Debt Service Fund	23 022 82
Presque Isle County	9 174 75
Posen Area School District	245 504 94
Refunds	154 593 35
Total cash disbursements	<u> 178 01</u>
	<u>432 473 87</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank – End of Year	000.00
mile of Low	<u>832 22</u>

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

July 22, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Posen Presque Isle County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Posen, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

<u>AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES</u>

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Posen in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

To the Township Board Township of Posen Presque Isle County, Michigan

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

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GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Posen will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

SUMMARY

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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